

# CJCC February Newsletter

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So far during the first part of our year, changes that we've implemented have been working very well. We've decided to remove last minute registration for our regional tournaments, allowing us to start on time and run more smoothly. More volunteers at both tournaments and chess schools help accommodate for larger numbers of players, and again keep things running smoothly. Our new adjoining playing area allows for more space in the steadily growing club. With new tournaments, players and lessons coming this year, we hope everyone will join us and continue to improve their chess.

## New Year's Tournament

January 13, 2018

The New Year's Tournament was our first monthly tournament this year. It's great to see so many players getting back into chess after the holidays!

Open	Intermediate	Novice
1st: Maxim Vasic 2nd: Aditya Raninga 3rd: Andre Tolentino 4th: Patrick Tolentino 5th: Chase Ruprecht	1st: Anant Shonak 2nd: Christopher Nikolov 3rd: Nishaad Sheth 4th: Dominic Knoll 5th: Ameer Malick	1st: Daniel Suchand 2nd: Pablo Suarez 3rd: Jerry Yuen 4th: Jonathan Wu 5th: Tanish Kurumbhatte

Final standings can be found at <https://www.calgaryjuniorchess.com/CJCC/event/Result/6782>.

## Calgary Youth Regional

January 20, 2018



One of our regional tournaments, the Calgary Youth Regional leads to the Alberta Youth Chess Championship in February. Top prizes for each section included free entries to the Alberta Youth, \$100 of chess coaching, and trophies. Players were split into different section based on age, from U-8 all the way to U-18.

Congratulations to our first place winners Jerry Ming (U-8), Anand Chandra (U-10), Paul Wang (U-12), Maxim Vasic (U-14), Aditya Raninga (U-16), and Andre Tolentino (U-18).


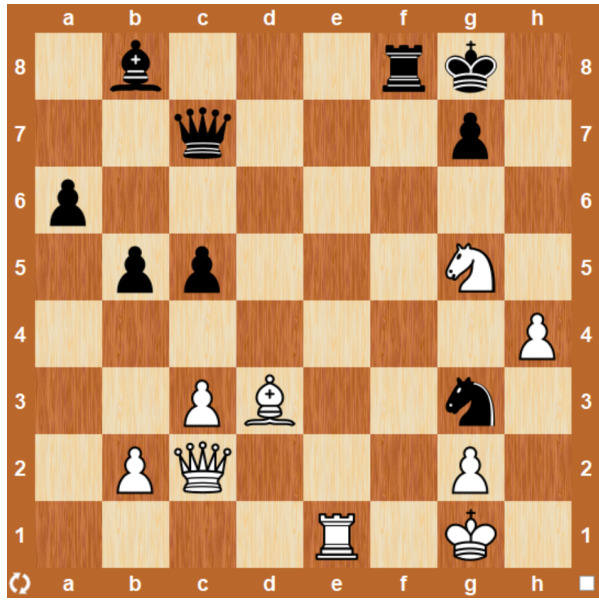
For more information on standings, please visit:  
<https://www.calgaryjuniorchess.com/CJCC/event/Result/7779>.

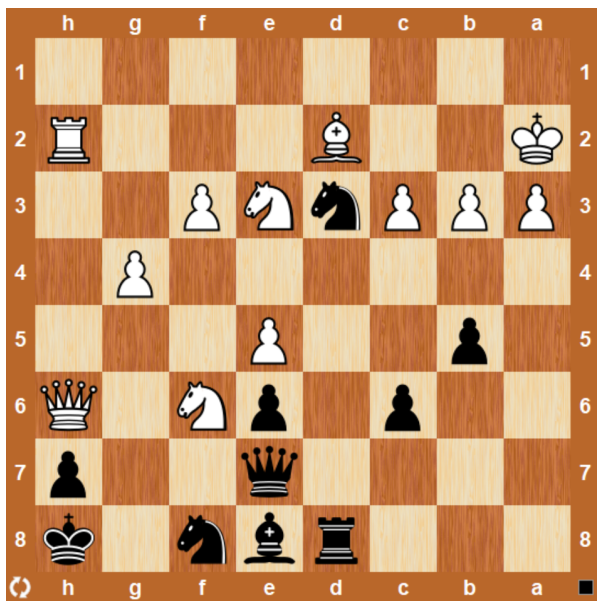
## January Chess School

January 28, 2018

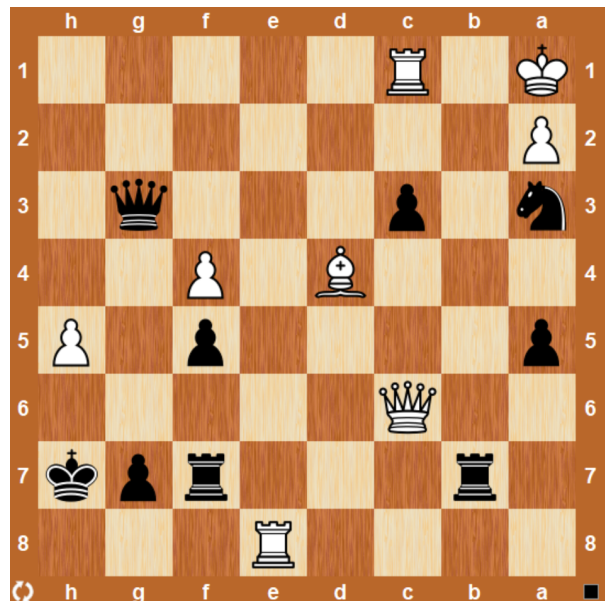
Our first month of Chess School this year continues to receive massive amounts of players. As always with each chess school, we hold a tournament at the end of the lessons. This is instructive for our chess players, as they can apply the skills they learned directly to the board. We encourage everyone to consider joining the next chess school this February!

## Monthly Puzzles (Solutions on back page)

 <p>Chessboard diagram for Puzzle 1. White pieces: King on b1, Rook on d1, Rook on e1, Pawn on a2, Pawn on c2, Pawn on d3, Pawn on e7, Pawn on f5, Pawn on g5. Black pieces: King on h8, Rook on b8, Rook on f8, Pawn on a5, Pawn on b5, Pawn on c5, Pawn on f6, Pawn on g7, Pawn on h7.</p>	 <p>Chessboard diagram for Puzzle 2. White pieces: King on g1, Rook on e1, Queen on c2, Pawn on b2, Pawn on c3, Pawn on d3, Pawn on f2, Pawn on h4. Black pieces: King on g8, Rook on f8, Pawn on a6, Pawn on b5, Pawn on c5, Pawn on d6, Pawn on e3, Pawn on f3, Pawn on g5, Pawn on h7.</p>
<b>1. White to play and mate in 3</b>	<b>2. White to play and mate in 2</b>



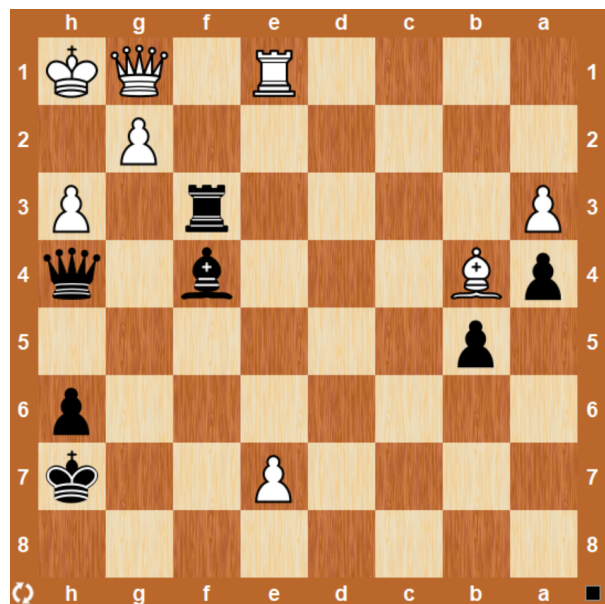
3. Black to play and mate in 2



4. Black to play and mate in 2



5. Black to play and mate in 2



6. Black to play and mate in 3

# Upcoming Events

## **Valentine's Day Tournament**

Saturday, February 3, 1:00-5:00 PM

The Valentine's Day tournament is one of our monthly tournaments, to be held on February 3rd, 2018. Players will be separated into three sections: Novice, Intermediate, and Open. Winners and runners up in each section will receive a trophy, and all others will also receive a prize! The tournament will take around 4-5 hours, and is a good way to have fun playing chess.

To help us start on time, please register online at  
<http://www.calgaryjuniorchess.com/CJCC/event/event/7701>.

## **Calgary Chess Challenge**

Saturday, February 10, 10:00AM-5:00 PM

The Calgary Chess Challenge is a great way to practice and prepare for the provincials. The tournament is divided into 12 sections based on grade. Winners in each section receive trophies, free entries and travel grants to the Alberta Chess Challenge at Red Deer in March.

**NOTE: There will be NO on-site registration at this tournament! Registration deadline is 11:00 pm on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Please pre-register online at:**  
<http://www.calgaryjuniorchess.com/CJCC/event/event/7718>.

## **February Chess School**

Sunday, February 18, 1:00-5:00 PM

The Chess School is a good opportunity for players of all levels to improve their game. Like the Valentine's Day tournament, players are divided into four groups based on experience. They will be given lessons by some of Calgary's best players. A small tournament will follow, with prizes for everyone!.

To make the registration process more efficient, please register online at  
<http://www.calgaryjuniorchess.com/CJCC/event/event/7702>.

## **Alberta Youth Championship**

Saturday & Sunday, February 24-25 2018  
Sheraton Cavalier, 2620 32 Ave NE, Calgary AB

The Alberta Youth Championship will be hosting players from all over Alberta. This is a major tournament, to be split into 6 sections based on age. Winners in each section receive trophies, and \$1,000 towards a trip to the 2018 Canadian Youth Chess Championship at Quebec City in July.

Entry fee is \$30 if pre-registered before Thursday, February 22. \$35 fee applies to any

registrations after that. You can register for this tournament at <http://www.albertachess.org/2018AYCC.php>.

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**Monthly Puzzle Solutions:**

1. 1. Qxh7+ Kxh7 2. Rh1+ Bh4 3. Rxh4#
2. 1. Bc4+ bxc4 2. Qh7#
3. 1... Qxa3+ 2. Kxa3 Ra8#
4. 1... Rb1+ 2. Kxb1 Nc2#
5. 1... Nb3+ 2. cxb3 Ra1#
6. 1... Rxh3+ 2. gxh3 Qxh3+ 3. Qh2 Qxh2#